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Dear Mom & Dad,

We helped out the economy yesterday by buying a new car. It is a Ford stationwagon which will be very convenient for long trips, camping, and skiing. I bought a book at the drugstore which gives the dealer cost as well as the sticker price for cars and accessories. I paid \$300. over dealer cost which is about the best you can do at the start of the new model year. The sticker price was \$5150. And I paid \$4500. less the trade-in value of \$800. It was sort of sad driving away and leaving my old car.

Now we are very anxious to go on a trip and luckily

we get two 3-day weekends
in October for Columbus Day
and Veterans' Day. We think
we will drive down to Great
Smoky Mt. Natl. Park one weekend.
We can drive to Knoxville on
Friday and then camp out or
sleep in our car for two nights.
The other weekend we want
to go up to Montreal. October
is a good time to travel
because it's not too cool yet,
but the leaves are beautiful
and the tourists are gone.

The weather has been nice
lately although it rained some
this morning. The sun is
breaking through and we
may play some tennis this
afternoon. See you later,

Jim
